



Youth Participants Code of Conduct

I am aware that I am representing the Mountaineering Ireland and I take full responsibility for my actions. I have read this contract with my parent / guardian, understand the guidelines set out below and agree to comply with the following code of conduct.

I agree that:

1. I understand that instructions from Mountaineering Ireland staff and volunteers are given for my own safety and for the safety of other group members. I will listen to and follow instructions given by my instructors.
2. I will show respect to all the other young people and adults involved in the programme.
3. I will not leave the instructional area without permission from my instructor.
4. I will take care of Mountaineering Ireland equipment which I borrow. I accept that if I agree to supply my own equipment for an activity then it is my responsibility to arrive properly equipped to take part in that activity. If supply my own equipment I will allow it to be inspected by Mountaineering Ireland instructors.
5. I will refrain from the use of bad language, inappropriate behaviour of any kind, bullying or any form of discrimination.
6. When competing I will abide by the competition rules and I will respect both other competitors and officials. I will be generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
7. I understand that many Mountaineering Ireland youth activities must be booked in advance and that I cannot be guaranteed a place if I have not contacted the Mountaineering Ireland in advance. I agree to make every effort to arrive on time for activities and to contact the instructor if I am delayed or unable to attend a session for which I have booked.

I have the right to:

- Have Fun
- Be Safe
- Be listened to
- Be respected
- Privacy
- Enjoy our activities in a protective environment
- Be referred to professional help if needed
- Be protected from abuse by other member or outside sources.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to my ability
- Experience appropriate competition and the desire to win
- Be believed
- Ask for help

Whilst we hope sanctions are not necessary the Youth Development Officer or leader in charge may need to challenge inappropriate behaviour. Suitable sanctions include: that participants offer apologies; take time out; or in extremis ask for a parent or guardian to collect the young person.

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